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Gainesville's water supply is the most pure of any town in the State. This has been demonstrated by a recent analysis.

A Chicago woman shot at a burglar and hit her baby. The youngster is starting rather early on his career as an innocent bystander.

Only a few years since the idea of shipping Florida sweet potatoes to other States was not thought of, but now they leave the State by railroads and bring good prices.

Ira D. Sanky is dead, but his beautiful and touching songs will live on forever, especially such as "The Ninety and Nine," and "When the Mists Have Rolled Away."

A valuable acquisition to the ranks of the Bryan forces is Mr. Henry M. Flagler. It is asserted by those in a position to know that our distinguished citizen is enthusiastic for Bryan—Jacksonville Floridian.

The Sun regrets to chronicle the death of Hon. John D. Calloway of Lake City. He was an untiring worker in behalf of his people and will be sadly missed. We were pleased to number him as one of our personal friends and extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives.

There is no disputing the fact that the men nominated by the Republicans as candidates for State offices are all gentlemen of high personal standing, but they will not poll much of a vote in the election unless they are materially aided financially in the way of funds with which to pay the colored brothers' poll taxes.

Georgia will not hereafter be afflicted with early primaries, a new statute providing that no general primary election shall be held until after the adjournment of the Legislature in August. This will give voters an opportunity to study the record of members of the Legislature who are candidates for State offices.

The Georgia Legislature enacted a law requiring hotel keepers to provide beds with clean sheets and mosquito bars, referring to which The Klammee Gazette remarks that what Florida hotel patrons are interested in the proprietors providing is more grub. The patrons of Gainesville hotels have no complaint on either score.

J. W. Keys (Monk) succeeds Jeff L. Davis as editor of The Quincy Journal, the latter having accepted the position of editor and manager of The Quitman (Ga.) Times. Mr. Keys is well known in Alachua county, and is an experienced newspaper man. The editor of The Sun is glad to see his old friend again in harness.

The new hard road leading from Hogtown creek west through the Stringfellow property is one of the best pieces of road in the country, but it already needs repairing in several places. A day's work just now would put the road in first-class condition, whereas the longer the repairs are delayed the more the expense will be to the county.

THE DAIRY INDUSTRY.

The following is taken from the August number of Florida Health Notes, issued by the State Board of Health, and is especially commended to the dairymen and cattle raisers of Alachua county:

"While many cities and towns of the Union, and even in the State of Florida, are introducing and passing laws looking to the closer inspection of cattle to insure pure milk and to guard against that dread disease, tuberculosis, the town of DeLand stands in the unique position of being the first in the State of Florida to be thoroughly inspected. That fact is due to the enterprise and conscientiousness of our dairymen, who did not wait for laws to be passed, forcing them to have their cattle examined, but as soon as they learned that there was danger from that source, and that the State Board of Health stood ready to help them, they made their request for a veterinarian to be sent down to inspect their cattle."

And the veterinarian was sent, and every herd furnishing milk to the citizens of DeLand was tested. All the herds except two were found to be absolutely free from tuberculosis. One of these had two cases. These were made away with immediately. The situation then was narrowed down to a single herd, and that, by the way, is a most interesting one. In that herd, a cow died of tuberculosis, some three or four years ago, but no effort was made to clear the herd at the time. What has the result been? That of twenty-three cows twelve were found to be tuberculous, one strongly suspicious, and only ten negative. The lesson is, that when tuberculosis gets into a herd, it gradually but surely infects the cows, one after another, so it is only a matter of time when the majority of them will have the disease. The lesson is that if a man would save his cows from tuberculosis, and thereby save his purse, he must have them tested often, at least once a year, and remove every tuberculous cow. This man did not do it, and while his neighbor had twenty-seven cows absolutely free from tuberculosis, he had twenty-three with only ten free. The environments of the two herds were the same, the climate and other conditions the same; the only difference being that the one let tuberculosis get started, and did not remove it until it had made terrible headway.

LIVE WIRES.

Palatka is to have a daily newspaper, backed by substantial business men of the place. A modern newspaper plant will be installed. A correspondent of a Jacksonville paper gives this news to the public, but does not say whether or not either of the two weeklies there are in the deal.—DeLand Record.

Upon which The Palatka News comments as follows, showing conclusively that there is no necessity for the publication of a daily paper in the Gem City so long as two such "live wire" weeklies as The News and Times-Herald are published in that city:

"It is not of record that either of the publishing firms in Palatka contemplate the move indicated. But there is a ponderous young man in the place whose brains are said to be oozing, and when the waste was discovered by a local mugwump with an ambition to lead in municipal affairs, he prevailed on the young man with the brain leak to start a daily paper, one whose motif should be, 'you tickle me and I'll push Palatka.' The paper was launched with a stunning, compressed air effect in The Times-Union of the 2nd inst., and already has a large circulation. But, speaking of newspapers, reminds us that those we have are not so slow, a fact that should have weight with the public and cause them to bear with the lags they have rather than fly to others they know not of. As an instance of their speed we'll note one item. In The Times-Herald of July 31st there appeared an item to the effect that a certain prominent couple in the country were rejoicing over the birth of a son. The News saw the item and appropriated it. The announcement appeared in this paper one week later than in its contemporary. But that was soon enough, for the child was not born until 15 hours after this paper had gone to press. But it was a boy all right. In the face of such talent at anticipation on the part of our weekly papers, what need has Palatka for a daily, unless it be to push some poopedoodle who is shy on ability to 'get there' unaided."

SOME HARD BLOWS.

The Sun's Washington correspondent comments upon Mr. Bryan's speech of acceptance as follows:

"Mr. Bryan dealt the Republican party some terrific blows on some very vulnerable spots. Mr. Bryan charges Secretary Taft with attempting to amend the Republican platform, which is an admission that the trusts and not the people wrote it. It is well known that a motion was made in the Republican National Convention to provide for the physical valuation of railroads as a guide by which the amount of stocks and bonds should be issued by the roads. It is well known that the Republican National Convention voted down this proposition. A great hardship on the people of this country results from the fact that when a railroad is organized and its stock is sold, the money for that stock goes into the pockets of the organizers and promoters as pure graft, and then the crowd of grafters that organizes it issues bonds for building the road. So that all of the proceeds of the stock is practically stolen and the bonds go to the building of the road. By this wholesale stealing and grafting, which has characterized all the roads of the country, the people are compelled to pay rates for transportation high enough to pay the interest on the bonds issued and dividends on the stock, which is practically all water. If the railroads of this country had been built on honest principles, and if they were now being built on honest principles, the public could secure transportation at one-half of what they are now paying. Mr. Taft has seen the evil of this and has recently held a joint debate with his own platform. This only shows how completely the Republican party has surrendered to corporations and trusts. Mr. Bryan not only stands to correct this mighty evil, but his party is united at his back, whereas the Republican party is bitterly opposed to it as shown by their vote in the Chicago convention, which voted down the physical valuation proposition by 880 votes against 112, showing that more than 8 to 1 of the leaders of the Republican party are opposed to it."

IS THE SOIL GIVING OUT?

American soil is losing its fertility, according to James J. Hill. The great railroad magnate ought to know, for he has made a careful study of the subject.

The yield in wheat, for instance, has fallen off heavily, says Mr. Hill. While Minnesota soil yielded 13.12 bushels to the acre on the average during the first five years of the past decade, during the last five the average was 12.18. In New York the figures are 18.4 and 17.4, while in Kansas there has been a drop from 15.14 bushels to 13.18. Similar findings are made in the other States.

Mr. Hill makes his point clear by citing the average yield in Denmark—60.19 bushels, which he says is due to the scientific cultivation and enrichment of the soil. Although the land has been tilled for centuries, it has five times the yield of the practically virgin soil of America, simply because the Danish farmer looks after the soil instead of leaving it to chance and the elements to see that it does not run down.

The intelligent among American farmers are learning, and the less intelligent will learn, that the prodigal exhaustion of large holdings of soil is not the most profitable method of agriculture; the intensive cultivation of small farms, scientifically cared for and periodically fertilized, is what American farmers must come to if they want to get the most the soil has to give—and want to keep the soil giving it.

It is to be hoped that the report of the establishment of an extensive paper mill in this city will prove true. The project has been on foot for some time, but the financial panic of last fall interfered with all negotiations for the time being, but now that money has become "easy" we are glad to hear of renewed efforts to establish this great enterprise. The principal man behind this proposed new factory is a gentleman of means, and we know him sufficiently to have faith in the accomplishment of anything he undertakes.

A Philadelphia motorman has inherited \$150,000, but refuses to give up his job. He appreciates the privilege of riding on the front end of the car these days.

A LITTLE TOO THICK.

The Jacksonville Metropolis of last Monday contains an article referring to the recent dastardly murder of W. H. Moreland at High Springs, which "spreads it on" entirely too thick. What brought about the article was a "threat" The Metropolis claims to have received from a member of what it terms "The Gang," as follows:

Metropolis—You had a good article about the High Springs fire. I am one of the gang that started it. Owners were against our gang when Billie shot that d— Moreland, and we want to put them out of business. They talk too d— much.

I am now pursuing Eaton, and will kill him if he goes back to High Springs. Yours truly,

MEMBER OF GANG.

P. S.—Drummers will have to carry Winchester in High Springs.

The Metropolis says the above was mailed in Jacksonville, and The Sun therefore doubts that it came from any citizen of High Springs, or any "Member of the Gang." It has the appearance of having come from another source.

The Metropolis says that "during recent years not less than twenty-three murders have been committed in High Springs." What does The Metropolis mean by "recent years?" There have not been twenty-three murders committed in High Springs and surrounding country during the writer's residence of thirty years in Alachua county, though God knows there has been a sufficient number to have resulted in several hangings had the fiends been apprehended and properly punished. But in some instances killings at High Springs have been declared justifiable by juries, and not all of them have been of the nature of the murder of Sellars and Moreland.

The good people of High Springs, and there are as good people there as are to be found anywhere, are put to sufficient shame for the crimes that are really committed there by the lawless element, without having the condition of affairs made to appear so much worse than it really is, and The Metropolis has exaggerated matters to entirely too great an extent. Just as dastardly murders have been committed in Jacksonville and Duval county and the perpetrators gone unapprehended as were ever committed in High Springs and Alachua county, and they will be committed in every State in the Union many years after the present generation has passed away.

The Sun is making no apology for the lawless element of High Springs. On the contrary, we deeply deplore that the town has been the scene of so much lawlessness and sincerely hope that the perpetrators of the foul murders and robberies committed there will be brought to justice and made to pay the penalty of the law.

BETHEA MURDER CASE.

Referring to the second mistrial in the case of young Bethea, charged with the murder of Holt, both of whom formerly resided in Alachua county, The Miami Metropolis says:

"When the jury reported in the second trial of Thomas H. Bethea and stated that they failed to agree the county became the poorer by several thousands of dollars.

"The jury was composed of twelve men whose intelligence is far ahead of many murder juries, and they must be upheld in their sincere belief regarding the guilt or innocence of the young man on trial for his life.

"Six of the jurymen held for guilty of murder in the first degree, while the other six stood for acquittal. The two extremes were equally balanced, each body of men being firm in their decision.

"Credibility of some of the witnesses seemed to form the foundation of the opinions of the jurymen, and on that hangs all the law. Both will be tried again, making the third trial he will have gone through, and it is hoped, for the sake of the defendant, as well as the commonwealth, a decision will be reached by the next twelve men selected to try the case."

Frank H. Hitchcock is regarded by the Washington newspaper men as the monumentally silent man. Before the campaign is over Mr. Hitchcock will discover that the newspaper men will talk for him unless he loquens a bit and talks for himself.

Sun "Want" ads. bring results.

EDWARDS IN VERY SERIOUS CONDITION

Was Thrown From Horse While Hunting Monday.

CONCUSSION OF BRAIN RESULTED

Remained Unconscious for Over Twenty-Four Hours, But Was Slightly Better Tuesday—Fall Was From Struck on Head.

From Wednesday's Daily:

D. G. Edwards was the victim of a serious accident on Monday which may yet cost him his life, although strong hopes are entertained for recovery by his attending physician.

He was running a cow when the animal he was riding stumbled and threw him forward, and he struck on his head, inflicting a severe wound at the same time rendering him unconscious, the blow resulting in concussion of the brain.

After being assisted to his residence, which was only a short distance away, Dr. J. H. Hodges was summoned and gave the patient his every attention. Although Mr. Edwards in a stupor for over twenty-four hours some signs of improvement were noted Tuesday morning.

He is being carefully nursed by wife and many friends, and it is expected that he will soon regain his health, although he is yet in a very serious condition and it will require close attention to again bring him around.

BONNIE MELROSE.

Melrose, Aug 19.—Miss Sadie Melrose and Miss Claude McKee are spending a few weeks at White Springs.

Mrs. M. J. Barnett has returned from a week's visit in Hawthorn.

Mrs. O. C. Grimes recently spent a few days in Jacksonville with her son, Leo Grimes.

Mrs. J. Stomsill left Saturday Newberry to join her husband, who has been there several weeks.

Nick Morris of Atlanta is at home for a vacation.

Geo. Keeler of Cheshire, Conn., is in town for a few days to look at his house which was recently struck by lightning.

Myra and Candler Barr have returned home, after spending a week with their grandparents at White Springs.

Mrs. Whitney and grand-daughter Marion, left last week for Connecticut to spend the remainder of summer.

C. P. Huffman is back from a trip to Philadelphia and other points. Leo and Grace Julian of Lake City are visiting at Rev. W. A. Julian's.

Miss Mary Moseley left last week for White Springs.

Mrs. O. C. Husband is expected home today from Georgia, where she has been for her health, but is improving.

Mrs. H. C. Roberts of White Springs is visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. Z. Barr.

The body of Mrs. W. M. Mahoney was brought here last week for burial. Mrs. Mahoney was a former resident of Melrose.

The ladies of the Gainesville Cemetery Association are still in need of funds with which to complete the fence around the grounds. Contributions were received last week from J. M. Cox of Alachua and W. T. Jones of Fort White, for which Mesdames F. D. Warner and H. H. McCreary desire to publicly thank them. Others who do not reside in Gainesville, who have loved ones resting in the green cemetery would greatly assist in the work of love these ladies are doing by aiding them financially. Every little helps.

Mr. Bryan has been "notified" his nomination. Custom, foolishly given, holds sensible men in its grip to great expense and to the tent of absurdity. Bryan as well as Taft knew they had been nominated. The country knew before hand what they would say in substance. Now, let some wise man, with prophetic ken notify the people that Bryan will be the next President. Arcadia News.

Minnesota wants 10,000 hands at wages running from \$2 to \$4 a day. Prosperity has arrived. Harvest hands.